

## **AGENDA**

### **SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN (PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT)**

**August 6, 2007**

**6:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
City Hall (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)**

1. Mayor Guinta calls the meeting to order.
2. Mayor Guinta calls for the Pledge of Allegiance.  
  
A moment of silent prayer is observed.
3. The Clerk calls the roll.
4. Mayor Guinta advises that the purpose of the special meeting is to hear those wishing to speak with regard to a proposed amendment to the Manchester City Charter by adding a new subsection (b) to Section 3.05 Tenure of Office; that anyone wishing to speak must first step to the nearest microphone when recognized, recite his/her name and address in a clear, loud voice for the record; that each person will be given only one opportunity to speak; that comments shall be limited to three minutes to allow all participants the opportunity to speak and any comments must be directed to the Chair.
5. Mayor Guinta requests the Clerk present the Question containing a proposed amendment providing for a new subsection (b) to Section 3.05 Tenure of Office.

“Shall the municipality approve the Charter amendment reprinted below?”

### **3.05 TENURE OF OFFICE**

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**(b) Notwithstanding the above provision, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen may enter into an employment contract with a set term with the Airport Director. If exercised, such a contract shall also set forth the terms and conditions of employment of the Airport Director and shall be subject to the provisions of Section 3.06 of this Charter.**

6. Mayor Guinta provides a brief presentation regarding the amendment.
7. Mayor Guinta calls upon those wishing to speak.
8. Mayor Guinta advises that all wishing to speak having been heard, the testimony presented will be taken under advisement and considered by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen on August 7, 2007.
9. Mayor Guinta advises this being a special meeting of the Board, no further business can be presented and a motion to adjourn would be in order.



# City of Manchester

Office of the Mayor  
Hon. Frank C. Guinta

July 10, 2007

The Honorable Board of Aldermen  
One City Hall Plaza  
Manchester, NH 03101

Re: Charter Amendment, Airport Director Contract

Dear Members of the Board:

The attached amendment to the City Charter, Section 3.05 (b) is being submitted to you for your thoughtful consideration. The proposed amendment was prepared by the City Solicitor at my request to help facilitate the hiring of an Airport Director.

The Board is well aware that the current prohibition of the issuance of a contract of employment with the Airport Director is potentially a severe impediment to the selection of a future director. Former Director Kevin Dillon was very forthcoming to this Board by relaying to the Board that the lack of such a contract was a major factor in his decision to leave Manchester-Boston Regional Airport. I firmly believe that had such a contract been granted to Mr. Dillon, he would still be leading the top economic engine of the State of New Hampshire.

I am recommending that the Board approve this amendment by placing a question on the upcoming November ballot asking the voters to allow the City to enter into a contract outlined in the attached. In discussions with the firm responsible for recruiting a qualified candidate, it was indicated to me that the lack of a contract provision might very well hinder our ability to hire the very best candidate. We cannot afford to hire an untested or inferior candidate to head our airport. Doing so would be a dereliction of our duties as a Board of Mayor & Aldermen.

Sincerely,

Frank C. Guinta  
Mayor

IN BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN

DATE: July 10, 2007

ON MOTION OF ALD. Pinard

SECONDED BY ALD. Osborne

refer to public hearing on a date  
VOTED TO and time to be scheduled by the  
City Clerk.

CITY CLERK

Amending Section 3.05 Tenure of Office

by adding a new subsection (b) as follows:

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